

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT  
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 21, 2013  
7:15 PM**

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:25PM

**Flag Salute, Silent Prayer**

**Sunshine Law:** The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this regular meeting in the annual schedule and notice of regular meetings of this Governing Body. Such annual schedule and notice of regular meetings is posted at Borough Hall, was sent to *The Record* and the *Ridgewood News*, posted on the Borough website and filed with the Borough of Dumont.

**Roll Call:**

Council members: Brophy, Carrick, Hayes, Riquelme, Stylianou-present  
Councilwoman Zamechansky-absent  
Mayor Kelly-present

Motion to accept agenda as presented: Councilman Stylianou  
Second: Councilman Riquelme  
All in favor.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the April 9, 2013 Closed Session minutes: Councilman Stylianou  
Second: Councilman Brophy  
Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Carrick, Hayes, Riquelme, Stylianou-yes  
Motion to approve the April 16, 2013 Executive, Public and Closed Session meeting minutes:  
Councilman Brophy  
Second: Councilman Riquelme  
Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Carrick, Hayes, Riquelme, Stylianou-yes  
Motion to approve the May 7, 2013 Executive Session minutes: Councilman Stylianou  
Second: Councilman Riquelme  
Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Hayes, Riquelme, Stylianou-yes  
Councilman Brophy-abstained

**Administrator's Report**

The West Shore project has begun. The contractor is working from the north side south.  
The DPW generator project will begin on or before June 17<sup>th</sup> and will be completed in about one week.

The Department of Transportation \$150,000 grant for Depew Street Phase II improvements has been received.

Parade banners for the Mayor and Council and the Library have been received.

The Borough has received a grant for a tracking device to identify lost dogs and cats with an identity chip. This device can be used by the Police and Health Departments.

The Borough will be receiving a Clean Communities grant in the amount of \$27,793.62, which Mr. Perkins would like to use to purchase recycling containers for each home in town.

The new LED lights have been installed along the path at Memorial Park. The basketball court lights are operational. They are working on the tennis court lights now. We have a grant for vinyl fencing. The safety lights along the first base line of the Babe Ruth field are also done at no cost to the Borough through PSE&G.

### **Council Committee Reports**

- Councilman Brophy

#### *Finance Committee*

The committee will be meeting about the Capital Budget

#### *Shade Tree Commission*

Welcome to Kathleen Sheridan-Parrish who has been appointed to fill a vacancy.

Arbor Day was very successful. The Boy Scouts were awarded the Annual Award of Merit.

The Councilman asked Chairperson Ray Slaman, 57 Sherwood Road, to come up to the microphone. Every year the Commission recognizes someone who has been a friend to the Shade Tree Commission and has supported trees and the work the Shade Tree Commission does. The Commission is particularly proud of the Arboretum Walkway project in progress and John Perkins has always been supportive of the work they are doing. Mr. Perkins was presented the 2013 Arbor Day Award of Merit plaque.

- Councilman Carrick

No report

- Councilman Hayes

#### *Ethics Board*

He missed the last meeting but one of the members has resigned.

- Councilman Riquelme

#### *DPW*

419 miles of road were swept in April. They have fixed 750 potholes.

#### *Library*

The next meeting is scheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

They are in need of a space heater in the vestibule.

- Councilman Stylianou

#### *5K Run*

The committee has been meeting regularly. The Run will be held August 31<sup>st</sup>. He thanked the Board of Education for allowing them to use the high school for this event and all the sponsors who have contributed.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Kelly said he received an email a couple of weeks ago from a high school student who was concerned about crossing New Milford Avenue to the high school. Chief Faulborn put up an electronic sign for drivers to slow down and posted extra men there. However, a week later a student was hit by a car. She is fine but the Mayor met with Superintendent Triggiano, Principal Parent, Chief Faulborn, Lt. Conner, and Administrator Perkins to address the situation. They will go at 7AM tomorrow to look at the traffic flow. Lt. Conner did a traffic study at the

high school during the morning one day. There were about 260 cars that go up and down Huskey Drive in the morning dropping kids off.

Councilman Stylianou asked if the same safety ideas could be implemented at Memorial Park. He said he feels the issue is that drivers and pedestrians are distracted. Perhaps a grooved crosswalk would help.

Mr. Perkins said a stealth report a few years ago showed the average speed on Pershing to be 19.8 miles an hour.

Councilman Riquelme said that in the past there was no left turn allowed onto Huskey Drive.

**Review of Consent Agenda Items:** All items with an asterisk are considered to be non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There may be further discussion prior to the vote upon request of a member of the public or a council member. Also, any item may be removed for further discussion or for roll call vote in which case the item will be removed and considered in its normal sequence as part of the general order of business.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

#13-106 Approval of DHS Music Boosters On-premise 50/50 Cash Raffle Application to be held 9/20/13,10/11/13, 10/18/13,11/8/13; ID#109-5-36714; RL#389 \*

#13-107 Kevin Oldewertel-Approval as Firefighter with Regular Membership Status \*

#13-108 Kyle Wengerter- Approval as Firefighter with Regular Membership Status \*

#13-109 Justin Acevedo, R.N., B.S.N.-Appointment to Board of Health \*

#13-110 Katherine Cohen, R.N.-Appointment to Board of Health \*

#13-111 Authorization to Advertise for Bids for Depew Street Phase II Project \*

#13-112 Capital Budget Amendment-Depew Street Phase II Project \*

#13-113 Bills List \*

#13-114 Approval of Remington Vernick & Arango Engineers Proposal for Depew Street Phase II Project-not to exceed \$10,000 \*

#13-115 Authorization to Advertise for Bids for Fencing for the Babe Ruth Field, Major League Field and Tennis Courts \*

#13-116 Lula's Cuisine-Waiver of Chapter 108, Section 21 \*

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Hayes

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

1. Irwin Buchheister, 39 Cedar Road, asked why it is necessary to replace the fences at the field.

Mr. Perkins responded it is for safety reasons and it will be paid for with grant money.

Motion to close: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

Motion to adopt: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Riquelme

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Hayes, Riquelme, Stylianou-yes

### **Non-Consent Agenda**

#13-117 Approval of T&M Associates' Proposal for Supplemental Funding for NJEIT Phase II Project-\$45,000

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Brophy  
Second: Councilman Hayes  
All in favor.  
Motion to close: Councilman Stylianou  
Second: Councilman Brophy  
All in favor.  
Motion to adopt: Councilman Stylianou  
Second: Councilman Riquelme  
Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Riquelme, Stylianou-yes  
Council members Brophy and Hayes-abstained.

## **ORDINANCES**

### *Second Reading*

**#1454** Amendment of Chapter 69, Sections 9 and 75, Personnel Policies of the Dumont Code-Health Benefits

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Stylianou  
Second: Councilman Carrick  
All in favor.

Councilman Stylianou stated that this ordinance prohibits part-time employees working less than 35 hours and members of the Governing Body from receiving health and dental benefits from the Borough. The ordinance committee, comprised of Council members Brophy, Carrick, and himself, were all strongly in favor of this ordinance revision. Unfortunately, the discussion last meeting disintegrated into which party member took benefits and when. What resulted was the realization that according to his calculations since 2002, past members of the Council have taken health and dental benefits totaling approximately \$300,000. This is unfair to the taxpayers. Being on the Council is volunteer work. Members of the Board of Education do not receive benefits. He is asking that members of the council tonight to support this ordinance.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Carrick  
Second: Councilman Brophy  
All in favor.

1. Kai Chen, 90 Teak Road, said that page 2 of the second reading of this ordinance is not on the website. Is it legal to pass it?

The response was yes.

2. Richard McLaughlin, 358 Prospect Avenue, asked for clarification of the ordinance. He was concerned those full-time employees would not be protected and that the Council could downgrade them to part-time in order to save the town money.

Mr. Paster explained that in writing this ordinance he used "35 hours" from the Best Practices questionnaire from the State.

Motion to close: Councilman Stylianou  
Second: Councilman Brophy  
All in favor.

Motion to adopt: Councilman Stylianou  
Second: Councilman Carrick

Roll call vote: Council members: Brophy, Carrick, Hayes, Riquelme, Stylianou-yes

*First Reading*

**#1456** Bond ordinance providing for improvements to Depew Street (II), by and in the Borough of Dumont, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey; appropriating \$155,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$155,000 bonds or notes of the Borough to finance part of the cost thereof

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Hayes

All in favor.

There was no discussion from the Council.

Motion to pass on first reading: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Brophy

Roll call vote: Council members: Brophy, Carrick, Hayes, Riquelme, Stylianou-yes

**#1457** An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 209, Section 21 of the Borough of Dumont Ordinances

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

Motion to pass on first reading: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Stylianou

Roll call vote: Council members: Brophy, Carrick, Hayes, Riquelme, Stylianou-yes

Motion to open to the public for general comments: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Carrick

All in favor.

1. MaryAnn Russini, 141 Roosevelt Avenue, suggested that a police officer be stationed at the high school in the morning to direct traffic. It works in New Milford.
2. Carol Goldberg and Robert, 21 Wood Place, whose daughter was the student hit by a car near Dumont High School, said that her daughter follows the rules while walking. Drivers have to be more conscious. They were impressed that this topic was being discussed at the Council meeting.
3. Kai Chen, 90 Teak Road, thanked the ordinance committee and the Governing Body for passing the ordinance to be more compliant with the Best Practices. He looks forward to the ordinance and resolution committee working to ensure full compliance with the State's Best Practices.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

The Municipal Clerk read the resolution to enter closed session to discuss Personnel-Building Department and Police Department

Motion: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Riquelme

Roll call vote: Council members: Brophy, Carrick, Hayes, Riquelme, Stylianou-yes

Following closed session, motion to go back into public: Councilman Riquelme

Second: Councilman Hayes

All in favor.

Chief Faulborn will present a revised police department table of organization at the next meeting. At the June 18<sup>th</sup> meeting there will be a first reading of the amendments to the table of organization as is necessary.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Stylianou

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC

Municipal Clerk